

Town of North Hempstead
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Draft Minutes

Date of Meeting: **11/18/13**

Location: **Supervisors Conference Room**

Members:

Richard Raskin – P	William Cornachio – P
Chris Gasiorek – A	Guy M. La Motta – P
Victor Sostar – P	John Thompson – P
Steven F. Wachter – P	Ken Weigand – P
Jennifer Wilson-Pines – P	Barbara Scheid – P

Town Officials & Staff:

- Councilwoman Dina M. DeGiorgio - **P**
- Commissioner Andrew DeMartin - **P**
- Planning Commissioner Michael A. Levine (Kevin Braun)- **P**
- Joel Ziev-**P**

Guests- Claudia Tholl, Bob Jacobson and Tom Rice

Start of Meeting: ex. (7:30 P.M)- **7:35**

Welcome: **Councilwoman De Giorgio**

-Councilwoman De Giorgio recognized the loss of Ron Fink and Stretch Ryder and thanked Rich Raskin filling in for Ron Fink during his LOA

-Corrected minutes from last meeting and Guy La Motta made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Victor Sostar and Steve Wachter 2nd the motion.

Reports:

1. Title of Report: Harbor Master's Report

Presented By – Commissioner De Martin

Status of patrol boats- Commissioner De Martin reports that there is one boat in the water. The Constables are able to switch it out as they see fit. There is another boat on a trailer at Hempstead harbor that is ready to go if necessary.

Winter Storage of Floats –All floats are currently stored as per the regular procedure

Town Dock- Commissioner De Martin said that DPW made some repairs after Sandy

Status of Maintenance Dredging-Councilwoman De Giorgio said that there is no progress since last meeting. Discussion was about the need to perform maintenance dredging around Town Dock. All present agreed the economic viability of the waterfront depends on the ability to dredge the Bay. Joel Ziev moved to adopt a recommendation for the town board to make maintenance dredging a priority. The WAC Committee agrees unanimously to recommend to the Town Board to make dredging the area around the Town Dock a priority in 2014

Old Business:

1. Removal of anode assemblies and other debris from Town Dock Area

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status –Commissioner Di Maria has determined that a licensed engineer should do the removal.

2. Revisions of the Town Dock Brochure for next boating season

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status – Councilwoman De Giorgio wants to focus on the brochure and suggested using the photograph from the winners of BID photo contest.

Letters will be sent to local businesses to participate. BTDC may get involved.

Bill Cornachio asked that there be a change to the MBYC ad so that it says “Welcomes reciprocal yacht clubs”

Councilwoman De Giorgio discussed BID Executive Director Jim Kallenberg suggestion that we distribute welcome packs/bags distributed to boaters on transient moorings and developing a mailing/contact list.

Guy La Motta suggested that there be a discount for patrons with the ad for the brochure

3) Terms and Filling Positions

Presented By – Councilwoman De Giorgio

Current Status – Councilwoman De Giorgio spoke about the Board Meeting on 12/10 and the need for a chair and vice chair. She would like emails with any recommendations. Matt Meyran and Chris Gasiorek resigned.

New Business:

1. Dock at 4 Harbor Way in Kings Point

Presented By – Joel Ziev

Current Status -- Joel Ziev said that there are no objections to the dock so far. The Army Core of Engineers and the DEC approved it. It does not interfere with a racing mark from MBYC.

Commissioner De Martin said that we independently looked at it and it is good.

Joel Ziev said that it needs a reflector

Bill Cornachio offered the motion to recommend approval on the dock application

Rich Raskin seconded the motion

2. Requiring Boaters renting Town Moorings to use Water Taxi Service

Presented By: **Councilwoman De Giorgio**

Councilwoman De Giorgio asked the committee to discuss and critique the requirement that boaters using the Town moorings must use the water taxi.

Commissioner De Martin said that the taxi service is less expensive to those using the Town Moorings compared to the general public.

Bill Cornachio raised concerns about the cost, the maintenance and the liability of row boats

Commissioner De Martin states that this system was put into place to increase safety and reduce maintenance

There was a group discussion about how the adding of the water taxi fee may be the reason why boating is down and only financially viable for an older generation due to this added cost

Commissioner De Martin said that boating as a whole is down because of the economy not the taxi service

Commissioner De Martin suggested combining the permit fee and water taxi fee rather than state that the water taxi is mandatory.

Councilwoman De Giorgio asked if we should continue the current policy

After further discussion, the committee concluded that the current policy should continue, but the permit fee should be raised to include the cost of the taxi.

Bill Cornachio made motion to continue practice for Water Taxi

Guy La Motta seconded the motion

Meeting concluded at 9:35pm